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I'll keep this brief, since I'm sure you're getting lots of mail.

Microsoft's handling of competing products has destroyed my business, which was developing software for BeOS (the Be Operating System). Be, Inc found they could no longer market their product in the oppressive environment set up by the monolith of the industry and turned up its toes last year. While many of us are trying to revive the BeOS, our real projects fall further behind.

If Bill Gates and his cohorts manage to weasel their way out of this case, I'll be very disappointed. All right, there's no point having power unless one can abuse it to some degree, but this has gone too far, too long and hurt too many.

I should note that both myself and an associate in another electronics business have also been hurt by Microsoft's voracious acquisition of high-tech hardware companies, including those in the chip manufacturing and audio areas.

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